
DIGEST

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St. Germain

HB No. 219

Abstract: Creates the crime of unlawfully restraining a dog and provides for a maximum fine of \$300.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for an owner to leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restraint that meets any of the following criteria:

- (1) Causes injury to the dog.
- (2) Is less than 12 feet in length.
- (3) Is in an unsafe condition.
- (4) Uses a collar that is pinch-type, prong-type, or choke-type or is not properly fitted to the dog.

Proposed law provides that it shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Accepted veterinary practices.
- (2) Activities carried on for scientific or medical research governed by accepted standards.
- (3) A dog restrained to a running line, pulley, or trolley system and is not restrained to the running line, pulley, or trolley system by means of a pinch-type, prong-type, choke-type, or improperly fitted collar.
- (4) A dog restrained in compliance with the requirements of a camping or recreational area as defined by a federal, state, or local authority or jurisdiction.
- (5) A dog restrained for a reasonable period, not to exceed three hours in a 24-hour period, and no longer than is necessary for the owner to complete a temporary task that requires the dog to be restrained.
- (6) A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in, or actively training for, an activity that is conducted pursuant to a valid license issued by this state if the activity for which the license is issued is associated with the use or presence of a dog.

- (7) A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of shepherding or herding cattle or livestock.
- (8) A dog restrained while the owner is engaged in conduct directly related to the business of cultivating agricultural products if the restraint is reasonably necessary for the safety of the dog.

- (9) A dog being restrained and walked with a hand-held leash regardless of the type of collar being used.

Proposed law provides a penalty of a fine of not more than \$300.

(Adds R.S. 14:102.24)